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1. Name of conveying party(ies)/Execution Date(s): Empress Casino Joliet Corporation	2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)  Additional names, addresses, or citizenship attached?  No  Name: Argosy Gaming Company	
Individual(s) Association  General Partnership Limited Partnership  X Corporation-State Illinois  Other  Citizenship (see guidelines)  Execution Date(s) July 7, 2004  Additional names of conveying parties attached? Yes X No.	Internal Address:	
3. Nature of conveyance:  X Assignment	Corporation Citizenship Delaware  Other Citizenship  If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached: Yes No (Designations must be a separate document from assignment)	
4. Application number(s) or registration number(s) and A. Trademark Application No.(s)  C. Identification or Description of Trademark(s) (and Filing	B. Trademark Registration No.(s) 2,177,009  Additional sheet(s) attached? Yes X No	
5. Name & address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:  Name: Glenn K. Robbins II	6. Total number of applications and registrations involved:  -1-	
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## **ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, EMPRESS CASINO JOLIET CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized under the laws of Illinois (hereinafter "Assignor") has adopted and is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the trademark EMPRESS, which is the subject of the following U.S. trademark registration:

MarkRegistration No.Registration DateEMPRESS2,177,009July 28, 1998

WHEREAS, ARGOSY GAMING COMPANY, a corporation duly organized under the laws of Delaware (hereinafter "Assignee"), having its principal office and place of business at 219 Piasa Street, Alton, Illinois 62002, is desirous of acquiring all right, title and interest in and to said trademark and registration, together with the goodwill of the business associated therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SUM of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to it paid, receipt of all which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby assigns and transfers unto Assignee, *nunc pro tunc* as of April 17, 2003, the entire right, title and interest in and to said trademark and the registration therefore together with the good will of the business in connection with which said mark is used, and including the right to sue for past infringement if any there may be.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 1th day of July, 2004.

EMPRESS CASINO JOLIET CORPORATION

Richard L. Vitali

**Assistant Secretary** 

State of Illinois	_)
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County of Madison	)

On this 740 day of July, 2004, before me a Notary Public within and for the State of Illinois, personally appeared Richard L. Vitali, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Assignment, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year last above written.

Show K. Wallace Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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